



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## 73<sup>RD</sup> STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

**Resolution #: 32**

**Primary Sponsors: Randall**

**Whereas:** There has been confusion regarding suspensions for failure to obtain financial certification.

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-Third Student Senate at Florida State University that:** the following changes be made to the 73rd Student Senate Rules of Procedure:

### 13. RULE THIRTEEN – Senate Attendance

#### 13.6. Penalties:

- a. If a Senator is absent for three (3) committee meetings, they shall be required to meet with their Chair to determine whether or not they should be reassigned. If a decision is not reached in that meeting, the committee may, by a majority vote, expel a member who has received three (3) absences. The expelled member shall be reassigned to a different committee by the Senate President.
1. If a senator knows that they will not be able to attend the regularly scheduled meetings of a committee, it is their responsibility to meet with the Senate President regarding a reassignment prior to absences being accrued.
- b. Any senator who accumulates seven (7) absences, both excused and unexcused, shall be automatically suspended and forwarded to the Rules & Calendar Committee for review over the senator's absences.
  1. Taking the number of both excused and unexcused absences into consideration, the Rules & Calendar Committee shall decide if the Senator is capable of continuing their work as a Senator in good faith.
    - a. If the Rules & Calendar Committee finds that the Senator is capable of consistent attendance, they may either place the Senator on a leave of absence per Rule 13.9 or unsuspend the Senator.
    - b. If the Rules & Calendar Committee finds that the Senator is no longer capable of consistent attendance, they shall then forward the Senator to the Judiciary Committee for impeachment proceedings, and the Judiciary Committee and shall conduct those meetings according to all of the laws and rules related to impeachment contained in these rules, Statutes, and the Constitution.

**14. RULE FOURTEEN – Discipline**

- 14.6. Suspended senators shall not be considered in determining quorum, nor shall they be entitled to any rights or privileges of a Senator, except for those related to due process of potential impeachment proceedings.
- 14.7. If a Senator fails to receive financial certification within 15 school days of taking the oath of office, they shall be forwarded to the Rules & Calendar Committee for review of their SGA financial literacy.
  - 1. Taking into account the Senator’s SGA financial literacy, the Rules & Calendar Committee shall decide if the Senator is capable of continuing their work as a Senator in good faith.
    - a. If the Rules & Calendar Committee finds that the Senator is capable of obtaining SGA financial certification, they may place the Senator on a leave of absence pending their financial certification. The leave of absence may last for a maximum of 30 days and may be extended for only an additional 30 days by a majority vote of the Rules & Calendar Committee. Any Senator who fails to obtain financial certification within 90 days of taking office shall be immediately forwarded to the Judiciary Committee for impeachment proceedings by the Chair of the Rules & Calendar Committee.
    - b. If the Rules & Calendar Committee finds that the Senator is not capable of obtaining SGA financial certification, they shall forward the Senator to the Judiciary Committee for impeachment proceedings.

**Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to:**

Alexander Harmon, Student Senate President  
Renee Wang, Student Senate President Pro Tempore  
Jonathan Levin, Student Body President  
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Student Governance & Advocacy Interim Director

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**Student Senate President**

**SENATE VOTE: 28-0-0  
PASSED: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**